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SUBJECT: CSCE: PARA 3 OF ROMANIAN NON-USE OF FORCE PROPOSAL

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1. SOVIETS BLOCKED REGISTRATION OF PARA 3 OF ROMANIAN NON-USE OF FORCE PROPOSAL AT DECEMBER 18 MEETING OF THE SPECIAL WORKING BODY (SWB). REVISED TEXT OF ROMANIAN PROPOSAL REPORTED REFTEL HAD NOT BEEN CLEARED WITH SOVIETS, AND NEW TEXT WITH REFERENCE TO "ARMED FORCES" WAS APPARENTLY TOO POINTED FOR SOVIETS TO ACCEPT.

2. AT DECEMBER 18 MEETING SWB, WITH US IN CHAIR, PRESSED RAPIDLY TOWARD REGISTRATION. DURING DISCUSSION IN WHICH SEVERAL DRAFTING CHANGES PROPOSED BY OTHER DELS HAD BEEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DISPOSED OF, SOVIET DEL REMAINED LARGELY SILENT WHEN

CHAIRMAN, AT REQUEST OF ROMANIANS, ASKED IF ANY DELEGATION HAD SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEMS WITH TEXT. ONLY WHEN CHAIRMAN READ TEXT AS AMENDED, TOGETHER WITH A STATEMENT TO APPEAR IN THE DAILY JOURNAL TO THE EFFECT THAT CERTAIN DELEGATIONS RESERVED THE RIGHT TO RETURN TO FORMULATION IN THE LIGHT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PRINCIPLES DECLARATION (US, UK, AND FRENCH RESERVATION PENDING ACCEPTANCE OF QRR SAVING CLAUSE IN PRINCIPLES DECLARATION), DID SOVIET DEL SPEAK UP AND BLOCK FURTHER PROGRESS.

3. AT DECEMBER 19 MEETING SOVIET DEL EXPRESSED WIDE-RANGING DIFFICULTIES WITH REVISED ROMANIAN PARA 3, IN PARTICULAR QUESTION RAISED BY US AND UK EARLIER THAT FORMULATION MIGHT BE READ TO LIMIT LEGITIMATE USES OF FORCE. MORE SPECIFICALLY SOVIETS OBJECTED TO TEXT RULING OUT "ALL" USE OF ARMED FORCES. MOREOVER, SOVIETS BELIEVED THAT "PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES" OF CHARTER FORMULATION LEFT AMBIGUITY AS TO WHETHER ARTICLES PRESERVING LEGITIMATE USE OF FORCE WERE COVERED. APART FROM LEGITIMATE USE OF FORCE PROBLEMS, SOVIETS QUESTIONED REASONS FOR USING TERM "ARMED FORCES" SINCE "MILITARY FORCE" SEEMED BETTER TERM THAT WAS BROAD ENOUGH TO COVER ALL THREATS.

4. IN RETALIATION, ROMANIANS SUBSEQUENTLY BLOCKED REGISTRATION OF SELF-DETERMINATION PRINCIPLE IN SUBCOMMITTEE ON PRINCIPLES, WHICH SOVIETS WERE ANXIOUS TO REGISTER BEFORE THE CHRISTMAS RECESS. ABRAMS

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